are published in the Performance Budget of this Ministry, copy of which is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Details of imports as asked for, are published in the monthly Statistics for Foreign Trade in India Vol.II and Import-Export Policy copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Tonics and Vitamin preparations

1493. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of fifteen major selling Tonics and Vitamin preparations in the country alongwith the composition, name of the producer of each and sales turn over of each product during last three years (year-wise);

(b) the names of the products which fall under price exempted category alongwith therapeutic indication of each and what was the price of each during 1979 and 1985; and

(c) what is the price fixed by his Ministry of each pack, strength of each product and at what price each is being sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Sales turnover of individual formulations is not monitored.

(b) and (c) All vitamin preparations are price controlled under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The number of multivitamin formulations produced in the country runs into hundreds. Time and efforts involved in collecting the details asked for would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of Diosgenin

1494. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who are licenced to produce Diosgenin alongwith the licensed capacity of each;

(b) whether it is a fact that Diosgenin is being produced in the country from Basic Stages and enough capacity is lying idle;

(c) whether it is a fact that various steriods intermediates based on Diosgenin were recommended to be included in the OGL import list by his department; and

(d) if so, what were the reasons for such recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent information is available, in the organised sector M/s. Searle(I) Ltd. and M/s. Cipla are licenced to produce 5 tonnes and 7.2 tonnes per annum of Diosgenin.

(b) Diosgenin is being produced in the country from basic stage of Dis corea Roots. Diosgenin is not one of the 87 essential drugs being monitored by this Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

1495. [*Transferred to the 19th March*, 1986.]

Setting up Petrochemical Project

1496. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has submitted another proposal to set up a new petrochemical project near Hajira based on Natural Gas Liquid (NGL) from Bombay High, besides the Gujarat State Petro-Chemicals Ltd. set up five years ago;

(b) if so, the details of the new project including its cost and production capacity envisaged thereunder; and

(c) what are Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of pending applications are not published until after Government has taken a view thereon.

(c) Issues such as viability of the project, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feedstock and availability of financial resources, etc. are yet to be resolved with the State Government.

Crisis in the DMT Industry

1497. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: *Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:*

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news captioned "Severe crisis in DMT Industry" which appeared in the Indian Express of 26th February 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that two out of three Dimethyle Terephthalate (DMT) Industry have laready been closed and the third one is on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and how many workers have been rendered jobless;

(d) whether the huge stock of DMT has been accumulated for want of buyers;

(e) if so, the details of the stocks accumulated in each factory;

(f) how much import of PTA have been allowed after the commencement of newly DMT producing plants;

(g) what steps have been taken to dispose of the accumulated stocks of DMT and to reopen the factories which are closed;

(h) whether any representations have been received in this connection from any quarters; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Only one DMT Plant has been closed reportedly due to market constraints. As per information obtained none of the workers has been laid off.

(d) and (e) The stock with the DMT manufacturers in January 1986 were as follows:—

Name of the Unit	Quantity tonnes (Approximate)
(i) M/s Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	10,000
(ii) M/s. Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.	6,000
(iii) M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.	2,000

(f) Lincences for import of PTA by the actual users for a total quantity of about 39,000 tonnes were issued.

(g) With a view to discourage imports, DMT and PTA have been shifted from OGL to limited permissible category and the import duty on DMT and PTA has been increased.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) Details include mainly low off-take by the consumers and suggested measures to improve the position. Steps have been taken to encourage the use of indigenous DMT to the maximum extent possible.

Products of E-Merck

1498. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that E-Merck manufacture either Harmone and Vitamin preparation of price decontrol Nasal props;